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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (original) A fabrication method of an oral care composition comprising the steps of:

- a) drying a *Cimicifuga* root;
- b) soaking the dried *Cimicifuga* root in a vinegar for a predetermined time period;
- c) drying the vinegar-soaked *Cimicifuga* root;
- d) admixing the vinegar-soaked then dried *Cimicifuga* root, a salt and a water at a sequential weight ratio of about 10% to 40%, about 10% to 40% and about 30% to 50%;
- e) evaporating the admixture of the *Cimicifuga* root, the salt and the water to obtain a *Cimicifuga*-salt concentration; and
- f) removing *Cimicifuga* root fibers from the *Cimicifuga*-salt concentration.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said each step is performed within a non-metallic container.

3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said each drying step a) and c) is performed on an oak panel layered over a heated floor.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein, in the step d), the sequential weight ratio of the vinegar-soaked then dried *Cimicifuga* root, the salt and the water is about 40%, about 30%, and about 30%.

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5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the vinegar is obtained by a fermentation process from a brown rice.

6. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising, after the step f), adding a filler material to the *Cimicifuga*-salt concentration.

7. (original) The method of claim 6 wherein the filler material comprises a sodium chloride.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising an additional step of incorporating the oral care composition with conventional oral hygiene compositions wherein the ~~composition is one~~ selected from a toothpaste, a mouth detergent, a mouthwash, a chewing gum, or ~~and~~ a gum massage cream.

9. (original) A fabrication method of an oral care composition comprising the steps of:

- a) drying a *Cimicifuga* root and a *Coptis* root;
- b) admixing the dried *Cimicifuga* root and the dried *Coptis* root at a substantially equivalent ratio in weight;
- c) soaking said each dried *Cimicifuga* and *Coptis* root in a vinegar for a predetermined time period;
- d) drying the vinegar-soaked *Cimicifuga-Coptis* root admixture;

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- e) admixing the vinegar-soaked then dried *Cimicifuga-Coptis* root admixture, a salt and a water at a sequential weight ratio of about 10% to 40%, about 10% to 40% and about 30% to 50%;
  - f) evaporating the admixture of the *Cimicifuga-Coptis* root admixture, the salt and the water to obtain a *Cimicifuga-Coptis*-salt concentration; and
  - g) removing *Cimicifuga* root fibers from the *Cimicifuga-Coptis*-salt concentration.
10. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein, in the step e), the sequential weight ratio of the vinegar-soaked then dried *Cimicifuga-Coptis* root, the salt and the water is about 40%, about 30%, and about 30%.
11. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein, in the step e), the sequential weight ratio of the vinegar-soaked then dried *Cimicifuga-Coptis* root, the salt and the water is about 20%, about 40%, and about 40%.
12. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein said each step is performed within a non-metallic container.

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13. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein said each drying step a) and d) is performed on an oak panel layered over a heated floor.
14. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the vinegar is obtained by a fermentation process from a brown rice.
15. (original) The method of claim 9 further comprising, after the step g), adding a filler material to the *Cimicifuga*-salt concentration.
16. (original) The method of claim 15 wherein the filler material comprises a sodium chloride.
17. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising an additional step of incorporating the oral care composition with conventional oral hygiene compositions ~~wherein the composition is one~~ selected from a toothpaste, a mouth detergent, a mouthwash, a chewing gum, or and a gum massage cream.
18. (withdrawn) An oral care composition comprising:
- a) a *Cimicifuga* root and a *Coptis* root each substantially dried, soaked in a vinegar, and then dried for a predetermined time period, wherein the dried, vinegar-soaked and then dried *Cimicifuga* root and *Coptis* root are formed at a substantially equivalent ratio in weight; and

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b) a salt and a water, wherein the dried, vinegar-soaked and then dried *Cimicifuga-Coptis* root, the salt and the water are admixed at a sequential weight ratio of about 10% to 40%, about 10% to 40% and about 30% to 50%, wherein the admixture is evaporated to a *Cimicifuga*-salt concentration, wherein *Cimicifuga* root fibers are removed from the *Cimicifuga*-salt concentration to form the oral care composition.

19. (withdrawn) The oral care composition of claim 18 wherein the vinegar-soaked then dried *Cimicifuga* root, the salt and the water is about 40%, about 30%, and about 30%.

20. (withdrawn) The oral care composition of claim 18 wherein the vinegar-soaked then dried *Cimicifuga* root, the salt and the water is about 20%, about 40%, and about 40%.

21. (canceled)